

REMARKS

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C §103(a):

Claims 53-60, 63, and 68-73 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a). However, Applicant notes with appreciation the Examiner's indication in the Final Office Action that Claims 61, 62 and 74-76 would be allowable if appropriately amended to include the limitations of their respective base claims and any intervening claims from which they depend.

Claim 61 has been amended to include limitations corresponding with Claims 53 and 59, which have been canceled. Claims 54, 55, 57, 60 and 63 have been amended to depend from Claim 61, Claim 56 depends from 55, Claim 58 depends from 57, and Claim 62 depends from 61. Likewise, Claim 74 has been amended to include limitations corresponding with Claims 68 and 73, which have been canceled. Claims 69-72 have been amended to depend from Claim 74, Claim 75 depends from 74, and Claim 76 depends from Claim 75. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C §103(a) rejections.

Non-Statutory Double Patenting Claim Rejections:

Claims 53-55, 57, and 64-69 stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting based on Claims 19, 21 and 44 of U.S. Patent No. 6,650,918 to Terry. The Terminal Disclaimer filed herewith obviates the obviousness-type double patenting rejections of such claims, and therefore Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the non-statutory double patenting rejection.

Conclusion:

In view of the foregoing, Applicant believes that all pending claims are in condition for allowance and such disposition is respectfully requested. In the event that a telephone conversation would further prosecution and/or expedite allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

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